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Annexation Bid Stirs Excitement

The Council's surprise move in holding up the final phase on annexation proceedings initiated earlier this year by owners of the huge, undeveloped portion of the Palos Verdes peninsula touched off a spark of excitement here during the past week which has sent a number of city officials to thinking seriously of a shotgun wedding with the hill area.

Deputies Wear New Uniforms

Sheriff's deputies are being decked out in new and more attractive and comfortable uniforms, which became official last Friday.

Major change for male deputies is in the color and weight of the form-fitting shirt, which is now to be of light weight, instead of forest green color. Thus, the new, year-round uniform will be of two-tone styling, with sun tan shirt and dark forest green trousers. Light weight trousers will be optional.

The forest green shoulder patch will be retained, but the sergeant's chevrons on the sleeve will be replaced by small, gold colored insignia of rank to be worn on the collar tips.

Women deputies will wear a light weight forest green tailored dress. Also a new small brimmed forest green hat will be worn with full uniform, consisting of forest green jacket and skirt, with a white tailored necker.

Conversion to the new uniform will take place as the supply of material makes them available.



NEW UNIFORMS . . . All dressed up—and lots of places to go—are Lennox Sheriff's Station Deputies H. W. Haussner (left) and E. L. Lomholdt, after donning their new style uniforms. Haussner pabls Alondra Park and Lawndale. Lomholdt answers calls at the Vermont, Imperial Heights, and Lennox areas. Most noticeable change in the deputies' attire is in the shirt, which is somewhat lighter in weight and considerably lighter in color.

Chamber Provides for Bad Check Notification, Solicitation Control

Provisions for a system of notification of bad and stolen checks and operation of a solicitation control program were adopted last week by the Chamber of Commerce.

Immediately upon notification by the local police of stolen checks, the Chamber members who desire information and distribution will be made to all business firms and merchants in the area. Volunteers to handle notification for the new program are Carl C. Dunbar, O. R. Trueblood, Ken Ruffell, Mrs. Frances Lee, Abe Robinson, Paul Diamond, James Squire, Paul Va Kay, Ed Maulding and L. Milton Isbell.

1955 Building Volume Ahead Of Last Year's

The mid-year building record in Torrance shows that total value of permits issued exceeds the total of last year at the same time, according to official figures. Last year set an all-time high in construction.

Total construction for the first six months of 1955 was \$23,489,661. Total for the first half of 1954 was \$17,034,145.

Last month's figure here was \$4,762,359, as compared with \$2,892,850 for June, 1954. No let up in the building boom is seen by officials, with predictions placing this year's total at a figure comparable to the preceding year, when the annual total was \$45,086,852. New homes will constitute the bulk of the construction work.

Selover New President of Civitan Group

Frank S. Selover was installed as president of the Torrance Civitan Club Thursday night in ceremonies which included participation by district officials of the club.

L. Gov. Don C. Smith did the installing honors, while Dr. Courtney W. Shropshire initiated the new members. In addition to Selover, other officers installed Thursday included Tom Ward, first vice president; Dr. A. L. Kline, second vice president; Julius Aronoff, secretary; William Van de Wetering, treasurer; Capt. Ernie Ashton, sergeant at arms, and Floyd DeVore, John Judson and Francis Sandly, directors.

Selover promptly designated M. W. Heimerdinger as acting historian and Carl C. Dunbar as acting chaplain, pending further action by the club. Ladies night was also celebrated at the installation. Members and guests were accompanied by their wives, who were guests of the club.

District Governor Al Moe and Lt. Gov. elect John Blayney were also present.

Robbery Is Motive for Dock Murder

A robbery motive surrounds the death of John H. Gliman, 65, of 2469 248th St., Lomita, whose body was found by a hotel manager early Friday morning in San Pedro.

Gliman, according to relatives, had left his Lomita home on Thursday bound for San Pedro to pick up a pension check. "He was not heard from after that, until his body was discovered in a waterfront hotel.

His wallet lay empty beside his body, which was severely beaten, according to authorities. Police say the probable cause of death was a blow to the head.

He was a retired dock worker.



(Herald Photo) JACK N. DABBS . . . Heads College Board

Dabbs Elected Board President At El Camino

Jack N. Dabbs, manager of M & M Enterprises, operators of a chain of Torrance and Gardena theaters, has been named president of the El Camino College board of trustees, it was announced last week.

Dabbs was elected to the board two years ago as the Torrance representative after Charles V. Jones, charter member of the board, declined to seek re-election.

The new El Camino board president has been active in work of the Torrance Rotary Club and in several Torrance civic projects, including the Community Chest campaign, which he had headed here.

Elected with Dabbs was Mel Allen of Inglewood, who will be vice president, and Dr. Wallace Fraser, secretary.

President of the college is Forrest G. Murdock.

Three Hurt In Collision

Three persons were injured in a two-car crash at Normandie Ave. and 190th St. over the week end, it was reported by the Harbor Division of LAPD.

Receiving minor cuts and bruises were Archie Mitchell, 65, of 25400 Oak St., Lomita, and Jimmy Riley, 25, of Gardena, drivers of the two cars involved.

Mrs. Neva Mitchell, a passenger, received a possible fracture of her right shoulder in the crash, police reported. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

P. O. Station Opens Again

Re-opening of Post Office Station "A" at 23433 S. Western Ave. has been announced by Mrs. Clara A. Connor, Torrance postmaster. The location is in Dunbar's Variety Store.

Walkout Lasts About 9 Hours

One of the shortest strikes in the steel industry's history idled the Torrance plant of Columbia-Geneva Steel for less than 12 hours last week when the workers walked out at midnight to join other Steelworkers unions across the nation in strike action. They were back in business by lunchtime Friday.

Announcement in Pittsburgh, Pa., by Clifford F. Hood, president of United States Steel, and David J. McDonald, president of the Steelworkers Union, that an agreement had been reached giving workers an average 15 cents an hour raise ended the strike shortly after 9 a.m. here.

Torrance's 814 workers left the plant at midnight, but did not set up picket lines. Pickets were posted at other Southland plants, however.

Shutdown Orderly Company officials here said the shutdown was orderly, and that "all the cooperation could ask for was given in preparing to shut down the plant."

The plant's open hearth furnaces were drained and shut down prior to the walkout, and other steps taken to safeguard the equipment during the strike, officials said.

The furnaces were fired up again Friday morning and the first heat of steel ready by the week end.

Vic McLannett, president of Steelworkers Local 1414, was in Pittsburgh for the negotiations.

Under the new wage scales, effective July 1, 1955, the rate in job class 1 is increased 11 1/2 cents. The negotiations occurred under a reopening provision of the two-year agreement negotiated a year ago and were limited to adjustments in standard hourly wage rates. The basic agreement between the parties expires June 30, 1956.

The day after the strike was settled, United States Steel Corp. announced an increase of about 5.8 per cent in its steel prices. The new prices will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. July 6.

City Drama Group Plans July 30 Play

The story of a condemned youth who goes to his death without revealing his identity will be presented by the Torrance Theater Guild here July 30 in the Civic Auditorium.

The presentation, "The Valiant," is being staged by the Recreation Department-sponsored theater group as part of the department's summer recreation program.

The cast, composed of teenagers participating in the drama program, will include Raymond Davis, who will play the part of the warden; Terry Baker, Father Daly; Nell Mahon, the condemned man; Mary Braden, his sister; and Herman Cobrea, the jailer.

Louis Bereskin will direct the production. He will be assisted by Joan Vachalek and Tom Quaggin.



(Herald photo) READY FOR RODEO . . . Jack Phillips, member of the Torrance Mounted Police, will be ready to greet rodeo riders in style when they come in here later this month to perform in connection with the Community Fair and Rodeo. Phillips and other members of the Mounted Police are growing beards for the occasion.

Fisherman Robbed at Seashore

A fisherman at Torrance Beach was robbed of cash and clothing last week when a thief broke into his car, parked at surfside.

William H. Quade, Jr., 35, of San Marino, was the victim. After cracking a window glass in the parked auto, someone stole a wallet containing \$30 in cash and identification papers, a fountain pen, trousers, jacket and shoes, which had been left in the vehicle while Quade fished for two hours.

The eight perch he caught was little consolation for the loss of his papers and valuables, said Quade, who went to Torrance police station in the pair of old pants in which he had been fishing.

He is especially anxious to recover the wallet and papers.

Bike Wrecks Occur About Same Time

Two Torrance boys were injured Wednesday, only 30 minutes apart, in separate accidents involving collisions with automobiles.

The first was that of Buddy Wayne White, 8, of 25207 Weston Rd., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. White. At 2:25 p.m. Buddy, on his bicycle, was in collision with a car driven by Mrs. Anna Gates, 42, of 1535 W. 204th St., Los Angeles, according to San Pedro police.

The accident took place at 204th St. and Harvard Blvd. He suffered a concussion and a deep laceration of the forehead, which was treated at Harbor General Hospital.

At 2:55 p.m. Danny Richey, 9, of 4331 W. 179th St., drove his bicycle into a trailer being pulled by an auto. Witnesses told Torrance police that the boy apparently didn't see the moving trailer when he pulled off the sidewalk on a driveway behind a parked car.

Final Rites Observed for City Pioneer

Funeral services for Harry Albert Young Sr., who had lived in Torrance and adjacent areas since 1917, were held Saturday afternoon at Stone and Myers Chapel with Rev. Harold Richardson, of the Church of God, officiating.

Mr. Young was born in Pennsylvania 54 years ago. He died in Redondo Beach Wednesday. Surviving Mr. Young are two sons, Harry Albert Jr., and John B. Young; a daughter, Grace Tolson, of San Diego; and a brother, John Young, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Five grandchildren also survive him.

Interment in Inglewood Cemetery followed final rites.

Frame Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Jane Frame, 59, of 1860 Torrance Blvd., will be held at the Stone and Myers Chapel tomorrow morning at 10. She died in Long Beach Friday.

A resident of Torrance for a number of years, Mrs. Frame was a native of Texas. Her husband, John Henry Frame, is employed at the Columbia-Geneva plant here.

Mrs. Frame is survived by her husband, three sons, Murray C. Cozy of Torrance, and Leonard D. and Lewis C. Cozy of Watsonville; two brothers, John D. Brandon and Frank Pratt, of Texas; and two sisters, Alice K. Perry of Texas and Pearl Riley of New Mexico. Rev. Nathan Bond of the First Baptist Church of Torrance will officiate at tomorrow's rites. Burial will follow in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Benner Cautions Residents About No Firecrackers

Fire Chief J. J. Benner reminded Torrance residents to be particularly careful in handling fireworks during today's Independence Day celebrations.

Former Cop Jailed Here

William Clair Shaner, 33, former Torrance patrolman, was scheduled to be on the other side of the bars here today, according to Police Chief Willard Haslam.



(Herald photo) STATE CONTROLLER HERE . . . Business, industry, and civic leaders met Thursday with Robert C. Kirkwood (center) Controller of California during an informal luncheon here. Left to right are William Tolson, Judge Otto B. Willett, Kirkwood, Bob Tolson, and Fred C. Mill. The Tolsons arranged the luncheon which was attended by about 30 persons.